

NSC BRIEFING

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PEIPING'S POSITION ON MOSCOW'S POLICY TOWARD EAST EUROPEAN REGIMES

- I. Peiping's 29 December discussion of Tito's Pula speech (11 Nov) set forth Chinese Communist position on proper policy for both Soviet Union and Eastern European states.
 - A. The Chinese reiterated the view that the "road to socialism" for any Communist regime necessitates essential fidelity to the Soviet model in constructing new society, and close alliance with Soviet party and state.
 - B. The statement should make clear to Tito that Peiping opposes Titoism in either internal or foreign affairs.
 - C. It should also make clear to Poland that Peiping, while supporting Gomulka's effort to attain freedom within the Bloc, does not approve of all features of Gomulka's domestic program.
 - D. The statement also, however, repeats Chinese charges that the Soviet Union has been guilty of "great-nation chauvinism" in relations with Eastern European states, and that not all of the Kremlin's past mistakes have been corrected.
 - E. Peiping's current formula for relationships among Communist parties is: that they must both "seek unity" with one another and "maintain their respective independence."
- II. Chou En-lai's good-will trip through six non-Communist Asian nations has been spoiled by the general reaction to harsh Soviet repression in Hungary.

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A. Chen left Peiping on 17 November, shortly after Asian reaction to events in Eastern Europe had begun to firm up. He was forced to justify Soviet behavior before increasingly hostile audiences.

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C. Peiping may fear that its entire policy of "peaceful" expansion has been endangered.

III. Peiping apparently sees its current role as one of exercising a moderating influence on all parties, while the disputed questions are being worked out quietly.

A. Chinese have probably already been in touch with Soviets on these questions, through such party leaders as Peng Chen, who has been in Moscow recently and is going to Yugoslavia soon.

B. Chen En-lai has interrupted his tour of South and Southeast Asian countries to go to Moscow and Warsaw in next two weeks, probably to issue joint pronouncements with his opposite numbers.

C. Peiping clearly regards its own relationship with Moscow as ideal--freedom from Soviet control, with voluntary allegiance to Moscow--and is expected to say so to all parties.

D. In talks with Russians, Chinese will probably emphasize their admonitions about avoiding "great-nation chauvinism" and permitting other Communist parties some degree of freedom within the Bloc. With Eastern Europeans, they will stress the need to maintain "unity."

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